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Line Judge Mechanics Discussion: Scrimmage Kicks-(punts)

Count Team B Players— ***Count Early, legal formation, manage sideline early, whistle out, know the down & distance, are there any time outs available? Is the clock running? Should it be? Don't get caught up in the sideline's emotion.***

1. Once the ball is snapped/caught, release and move down field covering your side line to the deep receiver.
2. When it appears that the kick will be short and land inside your area of the field, you are responsible for:
 - . Moving into position ruling on validity of catch or signal, ruling on interference
 - . Being ready to take over runner if the return comes to your side.
 - . Covering the runner all the way to the goal line (you have 120 yards of sideline responsibility).

On a kick that travels in flight out of bounds over your sideline:

Sound whistle and signal time-out.

- . Move downfield beyond the yardline where the kick went out of bounds; Walk slowly upfield looking to the Referee, stopping at the spot where he signals that the kick went out of bounds. (***Discuss in Pregame***)

On a kick that rolls or is carried out of bounds across your sideline:

Sound whistle and signal time-out.

- . Hold spot and observe any action. (***Keep your head and eyes up***)
- . Drop beanbag at the spot if you must leave to retrieve the ball or to follow players out of bounds.

Unexpected, unusual, what ifs...

Kick out of bounds,

punter drops the snap, punter runs then establishes himself as a punter...does he have protection?

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Line Judge- Take positions inside the goal post

Rule on success or failure of field goal and try attempts. Official nearest ball rules on play with the other official reflecting the signal. ***(Discuss in pregame)***

Be alert for ball striking an upright or a cross bar. If ball strikes crossbar, the BJ is responsible for the ruling.

Break out into position to cover end zone in the event of a fake attempt and be ready to cover passes and runs as usual. ***(Eligible receivers, numbers, formation)***

Line Judge will move to cover the sideline deep in the end zone.

what ifs..

Team A breaks formation and gets into a regular scrimmage formation?

FG attempt falls dead, untouched at the 5 yard line?

Touched at the 5 yard line by Team B, recovered by Team and ran into the end zone?

FG attempt is caught by Team B in the end zone, where they attempt to get out, but they are tackled by Team A? a) At the 1 yard line. b)in the end zone? c) ran out of the back of the end zone?

Missed FG by Team A, snapped inside the 20 yard line?